Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know, Sir, with regard to answers to clauses (b) and (c) for how long these experiments have been carried on and whether the department has published even a single publication all this time ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" The reports are not published for sale but are placed in the Council library because they are of a technical nature. Hereafter, we are prepared to make it readable and publish them."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know, Sir, how long these experiments have been carried on and whether any bulletins useful to the layman and agriculturists have been published so far ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I cannot say the number of years but, we are publishing some bulletins now."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know if it is true that a large number of experiments have been started and given up after two or three years ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I enquire why these publications are not for sale ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" As they are of a technical nature, they cannot be easily understood by the public."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" When will they be published ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" As soon as possible ; possibly next year."

Establishment of a sub-millet station at Adoni.

*1480 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the
11-30 a.m. Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether suitable water has been found to be available in Adoni for the establishment of a sub-millet station in Adoni, Bellary district ; and

(b) if so, when the station will actually begin to work ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is expected that the station will begin work during 1930–31.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know, Sir, if any provision has been made for the construction of buildings for this millet station ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes."

Demonstration of better methods of cotton growing in Deccan.

*1481 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are satisfied that the early sowing of cotton means an yield almost four times as that of late sowing ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by them to demonstrate the same to the ryot population of Deccan and other cotton growing areas ?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The experiments conducted at the Cotton Breading station show that the earlier sown crop produces more cotton and that at the same time more of the cotton bolls ripen beyond the stage when they are susceptible to attack before the insect pests became comparatively numerous, than in the case of the late sown crop. But the yield does not depend mainly on the actual time of sowing but also on the length of the interval between the date of sowing and the incidence and strength of the north-west monsoon rains. No definite results have been obtained and the experiments are being continued. They will be demonstrated to the ryots when definite results are available.

Fisheries

Training of S.S.L.C. candidates in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut.

*1482 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of S.S.L.C. candidates who have been trained in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, since the training classes were thrown open to S.S.L.C. candidates;

(*b*) whether there are any S.S.L.C. candidates undergoing training at present;

(*c*) whether the Government have abolished the Secondary Training classes in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have considered the future of the S.S.L.C. candidates already admitted for training?

A.—(*a*) 9.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The S.S.L.C. holders are now placed in the classes intended for Higher Elementary students.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know why the secondary training classes have been abolished?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Because there is at present no necessity for training men in the secondary grade".

Public Works

Alleged insanitary condition of the river Cooum.

*1483 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the condition of the river Cooum in the vicinity of the Law's Bridge and Harris Bridge is very filthy and insanitary;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained that it is due to the stoppage of pumping sea water into it;

(*c*) when the pumping of sea water into it was stopped and why;